

State: California

DESCRIPTION OF STAFF PERFORMING ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS

Single State Agency

The Department of Health Services is the single state agency which supervises the administration of the Title XIX (Medicaid) program.

The Department of Social Services is the single state agency which supervises the administration of the Title IVA (AFDC) and Title IVE (Foster Care/Adoption Assistance) programs.

Determination of Eligibility

County welfare departments are the local agencies that make eligibility determinations for Title XIX IVA and IVE under the supervision of the Department of Health Services and the Department of Social Services, respectively.

Under the supervision of the Department of Social Services, county welfare departments make Title XIX eligibility determinations for the following groups:

1. Persons approved for Title IVA and IVE cash assistance;
2. Persons who would be approved for Title IVA cash assistance if the IVA payment level in California were as high as the Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care set by California statute;
3. Persons deemed recipients of AFDC pursuant to 42 CFR 435.115;
4. Families eligible under 42 CFR 435.112;
5. Qualified pregnant women under Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(2)(III) of the Act who receive a State-only funded AFDC payment;
6. Persons whose Title IVA cash assistance has been suspended for administrative reasons only;

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7. Persons under 21 who meet all of the Title IVA or IVE requirements except for deprivation or court ordered foster care placement. (These persons receive a State-only funded payment.)

In accordance with the state-federal agreement created under Section 1634 of Title XVI of the Social Security Act, the Social Security Administration certifies Medicaid eligibility for California residents on the basis of eligibility for cash assistance under Title XVI of the Act. Persons so certified are:

1. Persons receiving Supplementary Security Income (SSI);
2. Persons receiving a California State Supplemental Payment (SSP) (this includes those receiving a mandatory SSP made pursuant to Section 212 of Public Law 93-66);
3. Persons whose SSI and/or SSP has been suspended for administrative reasons only.
4. Persons eligible under 1619(b) of the Act.

All Other Medicaid eligibility determinations are made by local county welfare departments under the supervision of the Department of Health Services.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

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The Community Health Services Division promotes and integrates personal health services at the community level with particular emphasis on services to individuals and populations who have special needs and medically underserved populations and geographic areas.

This Division consists of:

- California Children Services Branch
- Maternal and Child Health Branch

A. The California Children Services Branch is a joint state-county effort to assist children with severe, physically handicapping conditions by providing high-quality comprehensive medical and related services. These services are provided to correct, ameliorate, or eliminate handicaps, and they are made available to children whose parents are not able to pay for all or part of the costs of care. Families which are able to pay are required to share in the cost of care.

The California Children Services Branch consists of the following sections:

1. The Regional Operations Section provides case management services for clients in 26 counties and handles program responsibilities throughout the State.
2. The Special Care Section administers the statewide Genetically Handicapped Persons Program, provides case management services, and purchases necessary medical and related care.
3. The Operational Support and Consultation Section develops and implements program standards, consults with county and provider staff, supervises school therapy services, and reviews county programs.
4. The Fiscal and Administrative Support Section provides necessary support services and oversees related projects and programs.

B. The Child Health and Disability Prevention Branch carries out federal and state statutory requirements aimed at reducing the incidence of preventable physical and mental illness and disability among California's children and youth. The Branch also monitors the school entry program and other local programs that are operated by local health departments.

1. The Administration and Claims Review Section provides fiscal coordination, budget development, and control.

- Child Health and Disability Prevention Branch
- Office of Long-Term Care and Aging

2. The Data Management and Evaluation Section produces management information and periodic program reports, and carries out studies to evaluate the effectiveness of the program on the health of children served.

3. The Policy and Program Development Section plans the implementation of new program elements; analyzes proposed legislation and regulations; prepares plans for implementation of new federal requirements; and coordinates a variety of programs relating to federal and state laws.

4. The Regional Operations Section provides consultation and technical assistance to local health and welfare departments in program planning, implementation, and evaluation; and assures local program compliance with federal and state requirements.

C. The Family Planning Branch provides services relating to contraception, sterilization, infertility, and information and education by contracting with more than 180 public and private nonprofit agencies statewide.

D. The Genetic Disease Branch promotes information and services aimed at the prevention of genetic or congenital disorders and defects or the amelioration of their impact on the individual and the family concerned. The services include public and professional education and information dissemination.

1. The Genetic Education and Counseling Section administers programs of information, dissemination, promotion of genetic counseling, prenatal diagnosis of genetically affected fetuses, carrier screening, and counseling for Tay Sachs and hemoglobinopathies.

2. The Newborn Screening Section administers a comprehensive program involving a system for collection, transmission, accurate analysis, and

- Family Planning Branch
- Genetic Disease Branch
- Primary Health Care Grant Unit

follow up of results on blood screening tests on all infants born in California.

E. The Maternal and Child Health Branch reduces and prevents maternal infant, and childhood morbidity and deaths; reduces the incidence of hereditary diseases; limits disability resulting from hereditary diseases; and provides maximal nutrition for mothers, infants, and children.

1. The Maternal and Infant Health Section improves the care and health of mothers and infants in the prenatal period, and emphasizes special care for high-risk pregnant women and children.

2. The Women, Infants, and Children Section administers the federally-funded nutrition program, provides vouchers for nutritional foods, and provides consumer nutrition education.

3. The Regional Operations Section provides liaison and consultation with county health departments and administers Title V grant funds.

F. The Office of Long-Term Care and Aging stimulates the development of state policies, activities, and programs designed to promote the development of a comprehensive system of community-based long-term care services.

The Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) program is administered within the Office. The goals of ADHC are to restore or maintain the optimal capacity for self-care for chronically ill and functionally impaired adults and to prevent inappropriate, premature or personally undesirable institutionalization in long-term care facilities.

G. The Primary Health Care Grant Unit provides financial assistance to community clinics, free clinics, and associations of clinics for use in maintaining health care operations for medically underserved and/or high risk populations.